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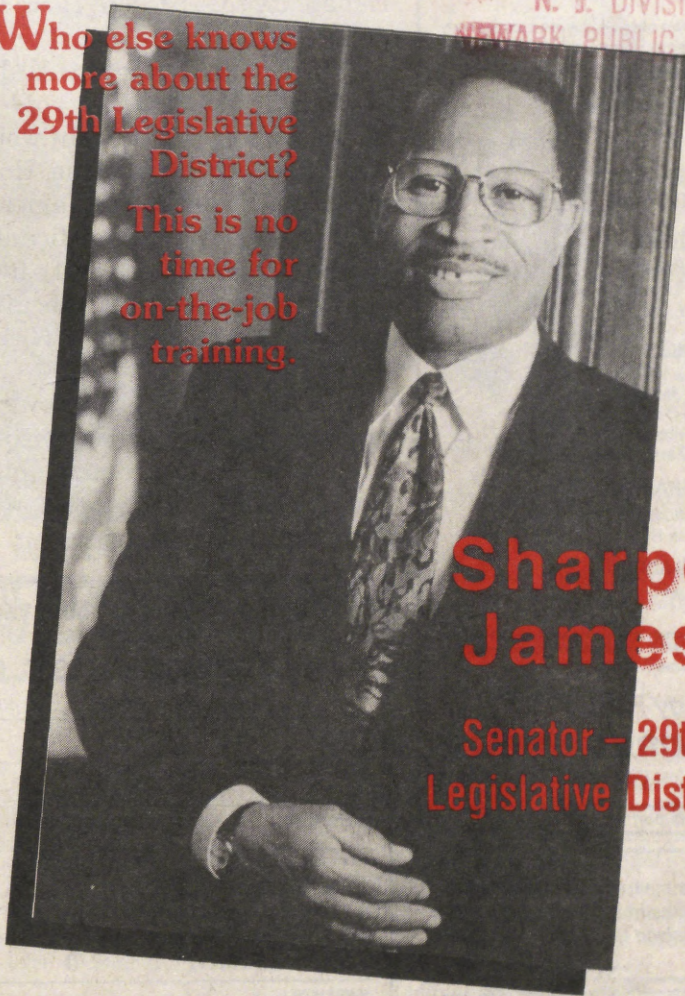
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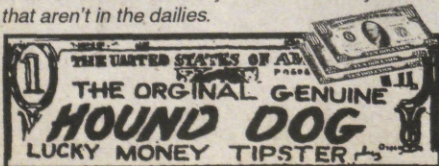
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PROFILE -**... AND THE WINNER IS****THE 29TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**

The people of the 29th Legislative District have chosen an experienced person of proven administrative and managerial ability to represent them in the New Jersey State Senate.

The passing of the legendary Wynona Lipman, left a void that most political observers thought would take at least a decade to overcome. However, the appointment of Sharpe James to fill her unexpired term is significant because, with his more than twenty-five years of varied public service, there will be no need to *WASTE TIME ON A "LEARNING CURVE."*

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A trailblazer for Women, Children, and Minorities

**By; Thomas P. Giblin, Chairman
Essex County Democratic Committee**

New Jerseyans, regardless of their political affiliation, lost an outstanding public servant with the death of Senator Wynona M. Lipman on Sunday, May 9, 1999.

With her 28 years as NJ State Senator and 3 years as a Essex County Freeholder, her tenure as the longest serving Democratic official is unmatched except for 40 year Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Jr.

Senator Lipman was first elected in 1971 while residing in Montclair. She later moved to Newark in 1973, when the 29th Legislative District was carved for a Senate seat. Senator Lipman had a genuine

concern and compassion for her constituents and always kept a demeanor of grace and leadership.

An accomplished educator, Senator Lipman served for over 2 decades on the faculty of Essex County College, Newark.

Senator Lipman was a strong advocate for helping minority women to governmental positions and served as a mentor and role model. Senator Lipman not only *talked the talk* but *walked the walk* in developing responsive Minority Business Programs in Essex County. Many successful African American entrepreneurs can attribute their success to the guidance and concern demonstrated by Senator Lipman. Our best tribute to her memory is to pursue an active interest in our government and community activities. Senator Lipman always had an ear for both kings and servants, and her word was her bond.

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New York Giant football
player at the Men of
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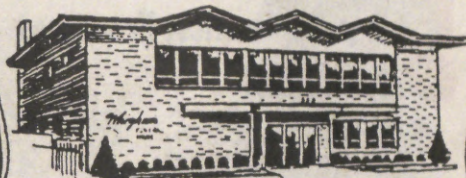
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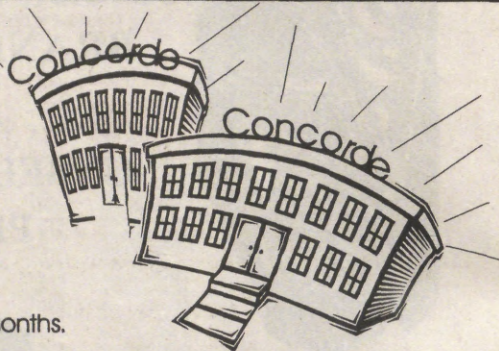
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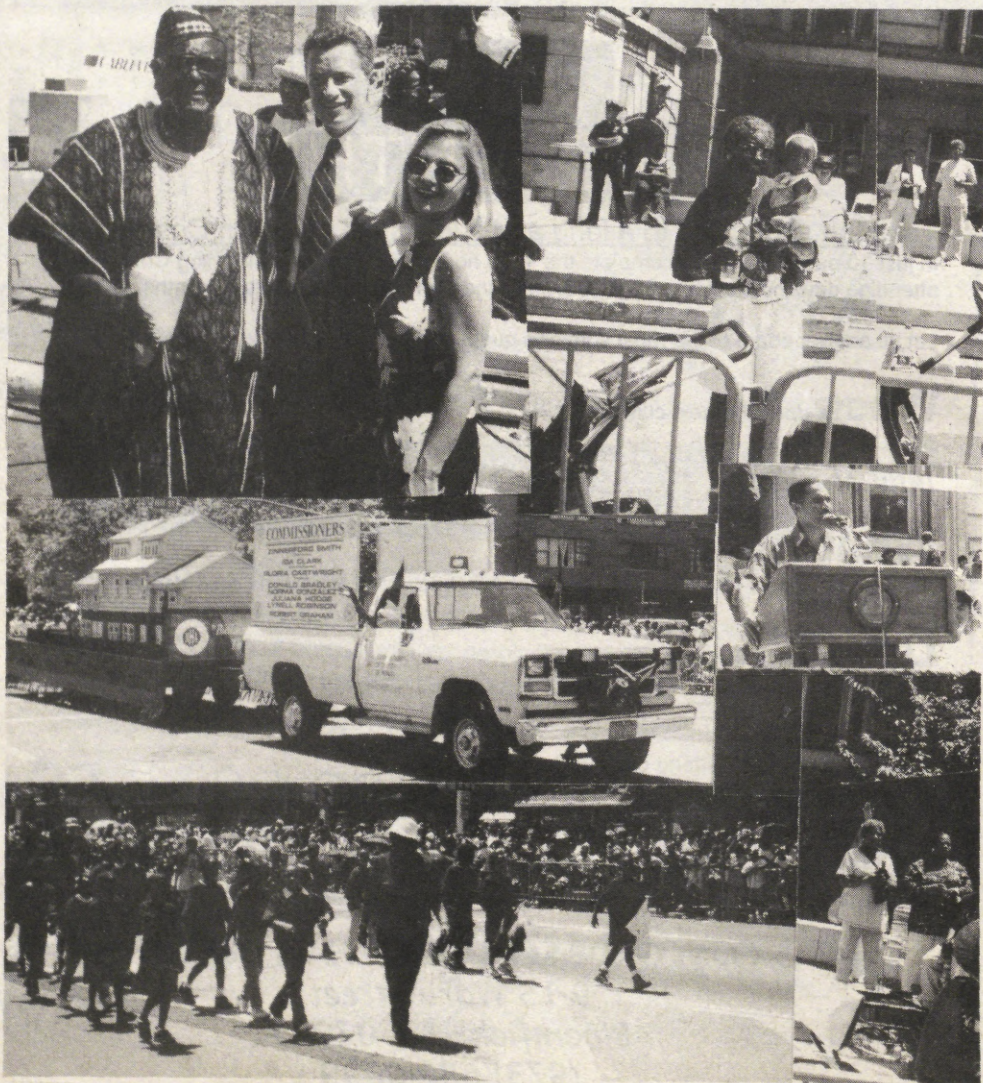
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Tucker with former gubernatorial candidate James McGreevy and his finance, Freeholder-elect Hank Martinez, and our own Mayor Sharpe James (doing the "Funky Chicken") dancing with the parade's mascot, and everywhere you looked, people, people, people!

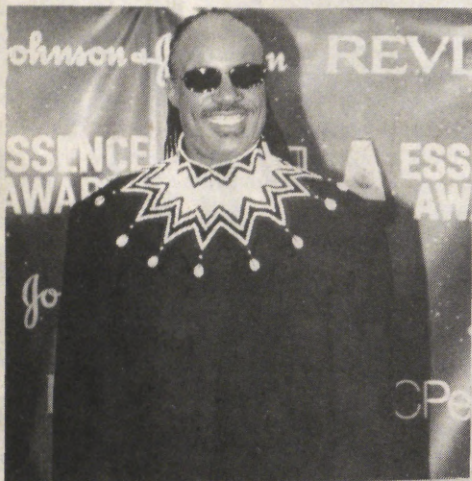




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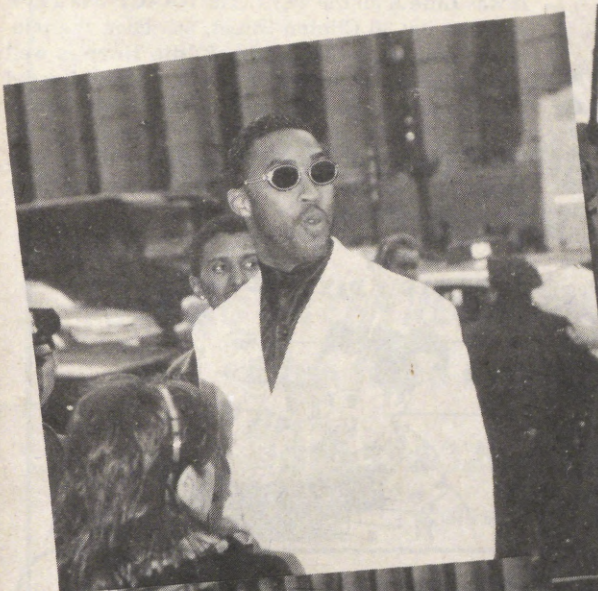


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JUNE 20th – 4th Annual Father's Day Cookout sponsored by the "Fathers In The Hood," starting at 12 noon until 7 P.M. Summit Field North, South Mountain Reservation, South Orange.

JUNE 26th– The People's Organization for Progress (POP) and other human rights groups have scheduled a march through five Essex County municipalities to protest police brutality, racial profiling, and racism in the criminal justice system. The "LONG MARCH FOR JUSTICE" will start at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of Orange Road and Hillside Avenue in Montclair. Participants will then follow a route that will take them through Montclair, Orange, East Orange, Irvington, and end at City Hall in Newark with a rally scheduled for 3:00 p.m. for further information please call (973) 424-0783.

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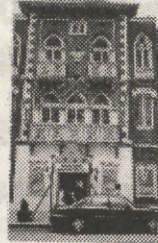
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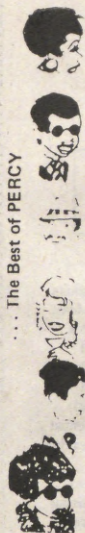
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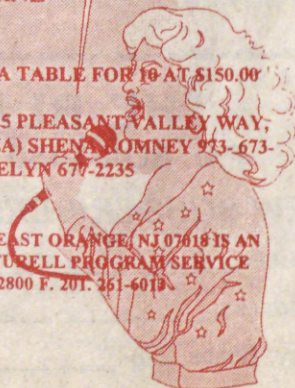
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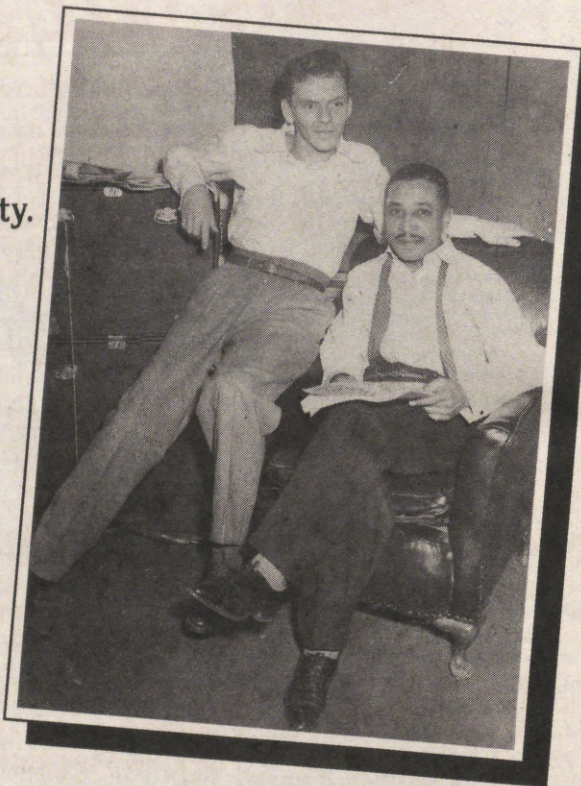
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Jazz is truly a special characteristically spirit of an age, culture and people. The spirit of jazz has enabled it to survive many challenges. Some were "manufactured" some were the result of people who feel (*and some still feel*) that there is not enough money to be made in this market. If jazz enjoyed the same level of exposure as some other music, its popularity would soar.

Jazz, like any other *real-truth*, will always be a part of musical culture. Though only a few who dedicate themselves to this art form receive monetary compensation on a high level. There are many, many others who love the music and will commit themselves to its longevity.

We are all looking forward to the arrival of the new Millennium at which time we expect many things to occur. Some new, some not new. But there is one thing we know beyond all doubt: "The Duke's" music will be there!!

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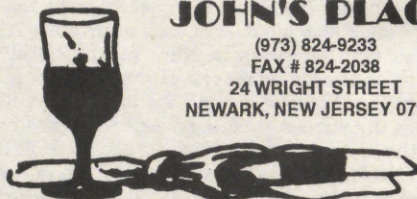
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